



**Standing Orders For Patient Treatment of Pandemic Influenza:**

NKC will commence treatment of patients with the antiviral drug Tamiflu™ if fever and one or more of the following symptoms are present as assessed by staff.

Fever > 100<sup>0</sup>F plus:

1. rhinorrhea or nasal congestion, OR
2. sore throat, OR
3. cough

**Prior to the initiation of Tamiflu™:** the staff should do the following;

1. Ascertain no allergy to Tamiflu listed in cyberREN; if yes, do not initiate Tamiflu treatment but proceed with routine blood cultures (#2).
2. Draw routine blood cultures for fever > 100<sup>0</sup>F per Standing Orders.
3. In the absence of allergy, initiate the treatment dose for Tamiflu.™

**Dosing:** Tamiflu™ for dialysis patients comes in 30 mg tablets. It should be given at the end of the dialysis treatment.

1. Hemodialysis: 30 mg PO on alternate hemodialysis treatments for a total of 2 tablets. (i.e. two treatments in the course of one week: for example, on Monday and Friday dialyses, or Tuesday and Saturday dialyses; the patient receives one tablet at each).
2. Peritoneal dialysis: 30 mg PO total dose for a total of 1 tablet.

Regardless of what mode of hemodialysis therapy is employed, the maximum dose for hemodialysis is 30 mg PO x 2 doses in a five day period. For peritoneal dialysis the maximum dose is 30 mg, administered once.

**Prior to discharge:**

1. Notify MD of patient's fever, blood cultures, and Tamiflu™ treatment.
2. Have patient wait 30 minutes following taking Tamiflu™ prior to discharge home.